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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SHUM, SOPN, DR, OAS

SUBJECT: EFFECTS OF 7TH OASGA HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE IN THE DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC

1. IN EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH BOTH GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION  
LEADERS FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF OASGA, DOMINICANS HAVE  
EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE ROLE THEIR COUNTRY PLAYED IN  
GRENADA. USED TO TAKING A BACK SEAT IN SUCH MULTILATERAL  
MEETINGS, THE DOMINICANS, IN THE LOCAL VIEW, HAD SHOWN THEM-  
SELVES CAPABLE OF TAKING THE LEAD IN DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS  
AND HAD RAISED THEIR DIPLOMATIC STATURE. MOST DOMINICAN LEADERS  
SEEM PLEASED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CAME OUT OF THE GA  
CLEARLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE,  
AFTER A FITFUL BEGINNING OCCASIONED BY THE INITIAL DOMINICAN  
POSITION ON TERRORISM.

2. FONSEC JIMENEZ TOLD AMBASSADOR JUNE 27 THAT HE HAD BEEN  
IMPRESSED WITH SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE OF US IN PURSUING HUMAN  
RIGHTS DEFENSE AT GRENADA. JIMENEZ REAFFIRMED HIS OWN  
COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAID HE WAS PURSHING SUBJECT WITH  
PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND DISCUSSING LOCAL APPLICATIONS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS WITH OTHER DOMINICAN MILITARY LEADERS. JIMENEZ  
MENTIONED PROLONGED TRIAL PROCEDURES AS A SPECIFIC AREA  
WARRANTING ATTENTION.

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3. IN LETTER DATED JUNE 28, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S PRESS,  
PRESIDENT BALAGUER CALLS THE ATTENTION OF THE DOMINICAN  
ATTORNEY GENERAL TO THOSE DEFICIENCIES OF JUSTICE IN THE  
COUNTRY DUE TO TRIAL DELAYS. THIS PRACTICE, THE PRESIDENT'S  
LETTER NOTES, "WAS DENOUNCED AT THE RECENT MEETING OF THE  
ORGANIZATIONS OF AMERICAN STATES AS ONE OF THE GRAVEST OFFENSES

AGAINST THE INHERENT RIGHTS OF PERSONS....(AND) SHOULD BE  
CORRECTED". IT THEN RECOMMENDS THATTHE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
"TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS SO THAT CASES HELD UP WITHOUT JUSTIFI-  
ABLE CAUSE BEFORE DIFFERENT TRIBUNALS IN THE COUNTRY, BOTH IN  
CASES OF SO-CALLED POLITICAL PRISONERS AND OF COMMON OFFENDERS  
OF PENAL LAW, BE HEARD WITHOUT NEW DELAYS AND IN STRICT  
CONFORMITY WITH THE LAW".  
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